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CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

A translation of a portion of a Korean Office Action that issued August 18, 2003 with respect to a counterpart Korean patent application is provided below.

"The invention described in Claims 1 to 34 of the invention of the present application is related to a travel information delivery system wherein a user visits a travel agency and prepares a travel itinerary, and the aforementioned user travel itinerary is presented to a delivery center; via the cell phone or terminal of the user, the aforementioned delivery center provides information on travel locations that the user will visit according to the aforementioned travel itinerary; or, the travel information is presented to the user by determining the position of the cell phone or terminal of the user and by adjusting the aforementioned itinerary based on calculating the arrival time at the travel location, etc. scheduled in the itinerary.

We find that a person skilled in the art could easily have invented this based on [1] Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-143358 (May 28, 1999, called "Cited Literature 1" henceforth), which is a travel support system provided with an input means to input the information necessary to prepare travel plan data, a travel plan preparation means to prepare travel plan data using the data input from the input means, and a plan data transmission means to transmit the travel plan data prepared by the travel plan preparation means to a travel support server, wherein: a travel support server receives the travel plan data sent from a travel data editing device, navigation equipment requests that the travel data plan memorized in a data memory means be read, the travel support server requests the travel plan data to be transmitted, and the travel plan data sent from the support server is received; and based on [2] Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H12-28391 (January 28, 2000, called "Cited Literature 2" henceforth), which provides tourist information wherein the current position is calculated based on signals sent and received from a GPS, and the connection is made between calculated positional data and related information.

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Cited Literature 1: Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-143358 (May 28, 1999) 1 copy

Attachment 2 - Cited Literature 2: Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H12-028391 (January 28, 2000) 1 copy."

Applicant's statements regarding the Korean Office Action are based on a partial translation that Applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicant with, or an admission of, what is asserted in the Korean Office Action.

Applicant respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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